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Sign Up if You Want the Pool

Organization of a Wheat Pool Committee representative of the farming and business interests of Alberta, for the purpose of marketing the wheat crop of 1923, has been effected since the last issue of "The U. F. A." went to press, following a series of meetings addressed by Aaron Sapiro in Calgary, Edmonton, Lacombe and Camrose. Details of organization are now being completed, and a drive for membership in the Pool will be launched on Monday next, August 20th, and will continue throughout the week.

AT LEAST 50 PER CENT. OF GROWERS MUST SIGN

There is much work to be done. Farmers of the Province who are anxious to see the Pool established, will have the opportunity during the coming week to sign the contract, agreeing to sell their wheat through the Pool for a term of five years. In order to justify the operation of the Pool this year it is considered essential that at least one-half of the wheat growers of the Province should sign the contracts. It is therefore clear that the farmers who wish to ensure the success of the effort now being made to arrange for a Pool this season, should not be content merely to sign themselves, but must give every assistance to the organizations in their localities which are taking this matter in hand, in order that the requisite number of contracts may be signed.

Members of the Legislative Assembly have been made responsible for the drive organization in their own constituencies. In cases where the member is unable or refuses to undertake this work, an organizer will be appointed in his stead. The president and secretary of each U. F. A. Local is being supplied through the mail with definite instructions as to the conduct of the drive. Reference to the drive arrangements is made elsewhere in this issue, but the importance of observing these arrangements cannot be too strongly emphasized. Members are advised to get in touch with their Local secretaries at the earliest possible date, to ascertain what these instructions are.

The form of contract to be used by the Pool is now under consideration. Though its terms are not finally decided, an outline of the broad principles to be observed is given on page 4.

> The Wheat Pool Committee is at work trying to complete arrangements to get the Pool in operation to handle this year's Alberta wheat. There are capable men on the various sub-committees, and no effort will be spared to get the details incidental to the organization of a co-operative pool selling system worked out as quickly as possible.
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> The Drive Committee has decided to launch the membership drive on Monday, August the 20th. Nothing is more important than the success of this drive. If this fails the Pool fails. The objective should be the signing up of 500 per cent. of the wheat of Alberta. Every acre that is left out is a handicap to the success of the Pool.
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> The drive is to be carried on strictly by voluntary effort. The Pool is being organized in the interest of Agriculture and all other legitimate interests of the Province and all who are interested in the general welfare are expected to do the work. Every individual, every Local, every community centre, and every constituency should be busy right now getting ready to make a clean sweep. Harvest is approaching and the work must be done quickly and it must be done thoroughly. Don't wait for somebody to come and jolly you into doing something for yourself, but get busy and do it.
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> Remember that the signing of the contracts is the foundation on which the Pool is to be based, and unless this foundation is built solidly and firmly, the Pool, no matter how well organized, cannot stand. Remember also that the Provincial Pool idea is original with Alberta, and that the U. F. A. is the pioneer in attempting such organization. Alberta is taking the lead in signing contracts. Are we going to register a success that others will strive to equal, or register a failure that others will strive to avoid?
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> The time is short, and it will be impossible for the Committee to send out as full directions as would otherwise be desired, but signatures to the contract are what you want. These you can get and I have no doubt will get.
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> H. W. WOOD,
> Chairman, Alberta Wheat Pool Committee.

OBTAIN CO-OPERATION OF BUSINESS MEN

The co-operation of all boards of trade and of the business men generally in all cities and towns is being solicited. The business men are being asked to act in conjunction with the U. F. A. Locals. Any secretary or officer of the U. F. A. who is in doubt upon any point, or who needs assistance, is asked to communicate with his representative in the Provincial Assembly, or with any member of his U. F. A. Provincial Constituency Board, who will be in a position to give such assistance.

Every man who takes part in the drive as a canvasser, and secures signatures to the contracts, will be asked to wire or telephone the results of each day's canvass to the Wheat Pool Committee, 236 Loughead Building, telephone Main 5365. In forwarding these reports the charges should be reversed. During the initial stage of the drive it is expected that organization work in connection with the signing of contracts will be given by unpaid volunteers.

PRESIDENT H. W. WOOD
Chairman of the Wheat Pool Committee

THE COMMITTEE IN CHARGE

Reports of the public meetings held in Alberta have already been given fully in the daily press. The "Committee of Seventeen" who are in charge of the preliminary work of organization, was appointed following a meeting of wheat growers addressed by Mr. Sapiro in Calgary. President Wood was the unanimous choice for the chairmanship of the committee, of meetings of growers in Calgary, Edmonton, Lacombe and Camrose. The remaining members of the organization committee were selected by a special selection committee chosen at the first meeting of wheat growers in Calgary. This special committee consisted of President Wood, O. L. McPherson, Speaker of the Alberta Assembly, H. Higginbotham and P. Woodbridge. It was agreed at all the meetings held in the Province that the committee should consist of ten farmer members, five of these members of the U. F. A. and five non-members of the Association.

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EDITORIAL

Canvassers in the drive for the Wheat Pool should make their objective not fifty per cent., but one hundred per cent. of the wheat acreage of their districts. The larger the acreage in the Pool, the greater its prospects of success will be.

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The outstanding accomplishment of Aaron Sapiro during his visit to Alberta, has been the uniting of all classes of the community in support of the principle of co-operative marketing as applied in the Wheat Pool. The communities of the towns and cities have been convinced by his forceful and eloquent presentation of the case for the Pool, and aroused to the necessity for the development of an efficient marketing system, as a step towards improved conditions in country and city alike. This is his greatest achievement.

In the forthcoming drive for membership in the Pool the farmers will receive much assistance from the people of the towns and cities, who have been made to realize, more clearly than they have ever realized it before, that until the primary producers have been restored to a reasonable degree of prosperity, the urban centres cannot prosper. The establishment of a successful Pool is as vital a matter for the people of the towns and cities as it is for the farmers. The general recognition of this fact removes one of the serious difficulties to be overcome in order to make possible the early establishment of the Pool.

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The U.F.A. was the first organization in Canada to conceive the idea of creating a Provincial Wheat Pool. It took the first steps to bring such a Pool into being, and has been concentrating its energies on this task since the date when attempts to establish the Wheat Board finally failed. The preliminary work which had been carried on by the organization forms the foundation upon which the co-operative wheat marketing enterprises in the West are now being built.

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"The Government believes that if France is out to maintain an indefinite stranglehold on Germany, the complete overthrow of the economic situation of Europe, if not of the whole world, is certain," reads a London despatch described as "an authoritative and direct footnote on British foreign policy."

While apportionment of blame for the present situation in Europe between the victorious powers which were responsible for the Treaty of Versailles is not a simple task, it is obvious that Europe is approaching a period not less critical than were the years immediately preceding the outbreak of war in 1914. Perhaps the present difficulties may be overcome, temporarily at least, but failing a fundamental change in economic policy, not on the part of one power alone, but in all industrialized states, war sooner or later is unavoidable.

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Grave fears lest the plague of nationalism and of racial hatred, fanned into flame by those who are now in control of economic policy, should lead to the destruction of European culture and civilization, have recently been expressed by Hon. Bertrand Russell. Mr. Russell, who belongs to a family which has been conspicuous in modern British history, is one of the most eminent of living social philosophers. A professor of Cambridge university, and heir to a British peerage, he has not hesitated to express fearlessly and freely, his views on the present tendencies of European policy.

Those who control the Governments of large and petty continental states deem it expedient to wreck the industrial structure of their rivals. If this policy continues (and no counter-force has as yet shown itself strong enough to resist the present tendency), the inevitable result, Mr. Russell believes, must be chaos. "After a century of horror, during which the non-agricultural population would be dying of hunger in the intervals of killing each other," he says, "the reduced population might become fairly happy, and be forced into sanity by penury. This is the most optimistic view of the future if we are left to ourselves in this crisis. . . . After some centuries they (the people of Europe) might again give birth to art and science, as after the Dark Ages; perhaps they would learn them again from Chinese missionaries."

There is, of course, the possibility of American intervention. But those whose lot it is to live in North America, and who may be inclined to take either a Pharisaic attitude towards Europe or one of condescending pity, will find in Mr. Russell's observations little to feed their self-complacency. If America intervenes now, under her present economic leaders, and "saves" Europe, he asks, "will Europe be any better off than if she damns herself?" That, he remarks, is not such a simple question as it seems, for "America . . . had offered less resistance to mechanism than European countries have, and has therefore shown sooner than we have what sort of culture industrialism tends to produce. I think myself that industrial culture has grave defects which are not likely to be remedied except by contact with non-industrial communities or ideals. In the absence of such contact, I believe that it gradually kills all instinctive joy of life, and will lead, by war, revolution or sterility, to race suicide. For this reason, I would rather see Europe composed of ignorant peasants than see its complete conquest by the mechanistic 'out'ook."

This outlook, Mr. Russell points out, tends to become general, not merely by reason of the dominance of industrialism in the economic sphere, but because of the command of industrial leaders over a wide sphere of education. American universities and other educational institutions, which are dependent for finances upon these leaders, are indisposed to encourage original thinking, or the free expression of the views of those professors of history, economics and sociology who may be disposed to challenge the equity or soundness of the existing controls. If the United States should gain greatly increased influence over European industry, European educational institutions will inevitably be subject to American shackles, visible or invisible. Universities in Europe (if the United States undertake to save it) will be endowed by "men like Mr. Rockefeller, whose ideals will gradually percolate into elementary education and imbue the whole population."

There is, in Mr. Russell's opinion, only one hope. It is that there may be a revolt in America against the dominance

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A Wheat Pool Catechism

A Few of the Essential Features of the Contract Which the Wheat Growers Will Be Asked to Sign

1. Question—What does the grower undertake to do when he signs the Wheat Pool contract?

Answer—He agrees to deliver his wheat to the Pool on condition that fifty per cent. of the wheat growers of Alberta also sign the contract.

2. Question—What does the Pool undertake to do?

Answer—The Pool undertakes to receive all wheat grown by its members, and to sell it to the best possible advantage for them.

3. Question—Will the Pool receive any quantity of wheat or only car lots?

Answer—The Pool will receive any quantity of wheat whatsoever.

4. Question—Why is a five-year contract necessary?

Answer—(a) In order that efficient men can be obtained to handle the Pool;

(b) It will make it much easier to finance the Pool;

(c) The selling agency will be assured of a fairly regular flow of grain from year to year, which will assist in establishing markets.

5. Question—Does the contract apply to individuals or land?

Answer—The contract applies to individuals, and not to land.

6. Question—What about registered seed wheat?

Answer—Registered seed wheat will not be received by the Pool.

7. Question—What about selling seed wheat to a neighbor?

Answer—Under conditions laid down in the contract, a farmer will be permitted to sell seed wheat to a neighbor.

8. Question—How will the Pool be financed?

Answer—(a) Preliminary financing by the $5 membership fee for organization work. (b) Subsequent financing by advances against the security of the grain.

9. Question—Under what statute will the Pool be organized?

Answer—Under the Co-operative Societies Ordinance.

10. Question—How will the members of the Pool be paid for their wheat?

Answer—They will receive an initial payment on delivery, and a participation certificate which will entitle the holder to further payments.

11. Question—Will there be any second payment prior to the final settlement of the Pool for the crop season?

Answer—This will of necessity be at the discretion of the board (see paragraph 13), who might make intermediate payments, but who under certain conditions might make no further payments until the final settlement is made.

12. Question—Is the amount of the initial payment stated in the contract?

Answer—No.

13. Question—Why not?

Answer—It is not the function of the organizing committee to set the amount of the initial payment. This must be left to the board, which will be the body responsible for the marketing of the grain. It is felt that the board, realizing the present position of the farmers, will make the initial payment as large as possible, consistent with business safety. If a hard and fast amount were named in the contract it would probably be much lower than the amount eventually set by the board.

> In view of the fact that the Wheat Pool contract, which is undergoing final revision as this issue of "The U. F. A." goes to press, may not be in the hands of all the Locals before the end of the current week, members are advised to use the questions and answers given below as the basis of discussion at forthcoming organization meetings. Until the contract is complete, and finally agreed upon by the committee, it will not be possible to discuss its terms in greater detail. Further information will be sent to the Locals by the Wheat Pool Committee at the earliest possible moment, by circular letter.—Editor.

14. Question—If other Provinces form wheat pools, will the Alberta Pool be able to co-operate with these Pools in the selling of grain?

Answer—Yes. It is proposed to form a central selling agency for the different Provincial Pools that may be formed.

15. Question—Will the committee of seventeen have charge of the operation of the Pool?

Answer—No. A provisional board of trustees will be appointed by this committee to take charge of the operation of the Pool.

16. Question—How long will the provisional board have charge?

Answer—Until such time as a permanent board can be elected by the members of the Pool on the basis of one member one vote.

17. Question—How can I assist in making the Wheat Pool a success?

Answer—Sign the contract, and give all the help you can to the organization in your district which is conducting the drive during the coming week.

Instructions to Local Secretaries

1. Call a meeting of the Local as quickly as possible, preferably on Saturday, August 18th, to discuss the work of the drive.

2. At this meeting select a committee large enough to canvass the territory covered by your Local.

3. Map out your territory and allot if possible two canvassers to each district.

4. Have your canvassers thoroughly conversant with the contract they are asking the farmers to sign.

5. Procure the assistance of the business men of your nearest town or village, and where it can be arranged, and where it is thought advisable, have a farmer and a business man conduct the canvass together.

6. Do not restrict your canvassers to U. F. A. farmers; use others as well wherever they can be procured.

7. If your Local meets in a town or village, arrange to have a central place where farmers can sign up as they come in during the week. This will eliminate long drives on the part of canvassers. Business men can assist you in carrying out this work.

8. Get your work done as early as possible in the week.

9. Wire or phone results of each day's canvass to 228 Lougheed Building, Calgary. Telephone M5265. Wire collect, or if telephoning, reverse the charges. By means of these daily reports the Wheat Pool Committee may keep in touch with the progress throughout the Province day by day. Daily reports should include number of signers for the day, acreage, and estimated yield.

10. See that your territory meets the territory covered by your neighboring Locals. Better overlapping than overlooking.

11. Be prepared to render any assistance that it may be necessary to give to localities where Locals are not functioning.

12. See that all advertising matter sent to you is placed to the best advantage.

13. In case you need help, get in touch with your M.L.A. or an officer of your Provincial Constituency organization.

14. Remember that this is your Pool, and in order to make it a success, it is essential that it be guaranteed a sufficient volume of business. The larger the volume of business, the more successful the Pool should be.

Sapiro Confident That 75 per cent Growers Will Sign Up.

Confidence that 75 per cent. of the wheat growers of Alberta and two-thirds of the wheat growers of Saskatchewan will be signed up in the forthcoming drives, as members of the contract pool for the marketing of the 1923 crop, was expressed by Aaron Sapiro, in an interview with "The U. F. A.", on August 12th, when he passed through Calgary after holding a series of meetings and conferences in Saskatchewan.

"Manitoba," he said, "is coming along well, though more slowly, and if Mr. Crerar, Mr. Mackenzie of the U. F. M., and Premier Bracken can get together in developing a satisfactory plan, I am satisfied that the bulk of the wheat crop of the three Provinces of Western Canada will be sold through a single selling agency.

Are Watching Canada

"The mere knowledge that the farmers of Western Canada are organized for the selling of their wheat, when this becomes an accomplished fact, will have a healthy effect on the world's wheat market and help to sustain prices. Wheat growers of the United States are watching Canada closely at this time, and are hoping to see a successful pool established, as they realize very clearly that Canada's organization will mean better prices for the United States farmers as well as for the Canadian farmers. Only the other day I received a message from the most prominent, and in my opinion

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How the B.C. Poultrymen Are Solving the Egg Marketing Problem

Organization Formed Four Years Ago Now Markets Nearly 80 Per Cent. of Eggs Sold in Vancouver—Rapid Progress During the Current Year

By G. C. MILNES

The article below was especially written for "The U. F. A." by G. C. Milnes, Managing Director of the B.C. Poultrymen's Co-operative Exchange. Organized four years ago the Exchange handles from 75 to 80 per cent. of the eggs received in the city of Vancouver. This account of its methods of operation and the progress which has been made will be found of great interest and value to producers in Alberta.

The B. C. Poultrymen's Co-operative Exchange was originally formed about four years ago, when a few farmers, having a broader vision than the majority, and foreseeing developments which would take place in the poultry industry in this Province, decided to organize a co-operative undertaking.

They met with much difficulty and considerable opposition, not only from the wholesale trade, but even from a large number of the farmers themselves. However, they quietly persisted in their efforts, with the result that today this Exchange is the largest one of its kind in Canada, and that while there are still a number of farmers who have not been able to grasp the idea that co-operative marketing and distribution is their only salvation, the majority of the poultrymen have joined up with us, and we undoubtedly control from 75 to 80 per cent. of the eggs received in the city of Vancouver.

Rapid Growth This Year.

The greatest development of the Exchange has taken place since January 1st of this year. At that date we had 610 members, of which about only 400 were active shippers. Today we have as active members 1,731 owning approximately 300,000 to 400,000 birds.

We receive at this warehouse at Vancouver an average of 350 cases of eggs a day, and this is altogether apart from the large number received at our branches at Victoria, Nelson and Vernon.

The Victoria Branch was opened in 1921, Nelson branch in March, and Vernon branch in June this year, all with a large membership.

It was found desirable to make various alterations in the management recently and the directors placed Mr. James Henderson, who had been for many years one of the most prominent produce men in this city, in charge of sales as sales manager, and Mr. G. C. Milnes became managing director.

The whole of the selling end of the business is controlled by the sales manager, with branch managers at the various branches acting under him, all directly responsible to the managing director, who is himself responsible to the board. At Nelson and Vernon it has been found advisable to have advisory committees of three appointed to deal with matters on the spot.

The aim of the directors has been to keep the overhead of the organization down as much as possible and yet at the same time adequately to remunerate their executive staff.

The board of directors, which consists of seven members, is divided into an executive committee which meet at frequent intervals, the full board being called together at less frequent periods.

To show the development of the business, we may mention that in the winter of 1920-21, three cars was the total which the Province of B.C. shipped to outside Provinces. In the winter of 1922, we shipped nine cars, and in this past winter from November 25th to present date we have shipped fifty-four cars of members' eggs, and the wholesalers of Vancouver have between them shipped four others.

Each car consists of between 450 to 500 cases, so that you will recognize what a difference the efficient handling of this surplus has made to the poultrymen of this Province, and one of the largest wholesalers in this city in the writer's office recently stated that however much they opposed the Co-operative Exchange, they fully realized that eggs would have been at least 10c. a dozen cheaper for the last three months had there been no central marketing organization.

Shipments to Britain.

A new and most interesting development has taken place recently in a shipment of a number of cases of the best eggs obtainable in B.C. to the British market. These are going by the National Lines and Cunard Line, and if this shipment is a success it is hoped to develop this business considerably in the same manner.

One of the main reasons why we have been able to develop and hold the outside markets has been because every egg received by the Exchange is candled by our own candlers and graded according to Canadian Government standards, it being realized that no co-operative society of this character could hope to achieve success unless it maintains the highest possible standard of quality, and though this policy was steadily opposed on all sides in the first few years of the Exchange, it is now becoming almost universally realized as the only possible way.

Every member has to sign our marketing agreement. Every member has to be a producer, and no member is permitted more than one $1.00 share, which carries one vote with it. Then 2c. per dozen is taken off every member for working capital, this system being found very easy on the producer and satisfactory in operation.

This 2c. a dozen is not, however, permanently retained, but at the end of each and every year is added up to the credit of each individual member and refunded to him in the form of a three years' promissory note, without interest, dated January 1st.

Adverse Tariff.

We are not at the present time handling poultry as it was felt desirable to develop efficiently in the first instance the egg market, but it is possible that a further development into poultry may be taken before very long. The feeling of the poultrymen is one of optimism. Although we may point out that we have many difficulties to overcome. Amongst others an 8c. tariff is against us for shipments to the States, whereas the States producers have only 2c. a dozen to pay on eggs shipped in to this country.

Freight rates are exceedingly high and affect the price of feed considerably, and we are confident that some of the farmers of the U.F.A., if they heard what the poultrymen had to pay for their grain by the time it is delivered to the poultrymen here, would be surprised.

The third point which hits us rather badly is that Alberta itself has preferential freight rates on eggs into the interior of B.C., which makes it considerably cheaper to ship eggs from Alberta to our own interior points than for us to ship them from here. There is, however, some slight consolation in the fact that this may possibly help our fellow poultrymen in Alberta.

Another point which we as an organization are striving after is to get the Provincial Government to enforce their egg marketing act against all countries. At the present time it is applied only against Chinese eggs which have to be individually stamped with the country of origin. This, since the commencement of 1922, has prevented any Chinese eggs from being sold or used in this Province, and they have passed on their way in bond for you and other Eastern people to enjoy.

We are striving to get this regulation under this act in force to cover any eggs imported to this Province, as we are more than able to supply all our requirements without raising to any unreasonable figure the price of the commodity to the consumer.

The B.C. Poultrymen's Co-operative Exchange will always be pleased to give further particulars to other co-operative bodies or Locals of the U.F.A. The address is 1160 Hamilton St., Vancouver, B. C.

WILL SAVE INDEPENDENT WEEKLY

According to the July issue of "Credit Power", a British monthly review of finance and industry from the standpoint of the new economics, the editor of this paper has recently acquired "The New Age", a well known British weekly periodical which in the past has been the supporter of many progressive causes. The purchase was made in order to save this periodical from falling into the hands of reactionary political and economic forces. "The New Age" has many old subscribers in Canada, who will be interested to learn that under its new control, this paper will again give support to the cause of credit reform, as advocated by Major Douglas.

The Provincial Secretary's Page

Information for Officers and Members.

EXCESSIVE INTEREST CHARGE

A case has been reported to Central Office where a certain implement company have been making out their statements of interest accruing on notes incorrectly and instead of the 8 per cent. stated in the contract the actual charge made represented 11.25 per cent. Farmers should not take for granted that the interest on their notes has been correctly figured out but should in all cases check it up to see that the actual figures correspond with the rate stated in the note. Where the interest charged is in excess of the rate called for on the note the farmer should pay only the amount called for at the correct rate.

MEANT $215 TO THIS MEMBER

Extract from letter received at Central Office: "I am writing to thank you for your kindness in using your good services on my behalf in regard to my hail insurance problem. Thanks to the U. F. A. head office my hail insurance has now been settled, and I find myself $215 to the good."

U. F. A. SAVED HIM $300

A Local secretary writes: "We were very pleased indeed with what you did in the case of one of our members in collecting $300 which he never expected to see again."

In this case the member referred to had made a payment of $300 on a tractor for spring delivery. Before the tractor had been delivered the firm got into difficulties and their assets were seized by the bank, and it appeared likely that this farmer's $300 would be lost to him. The U. F. A. made strong representations to the bank, and after considerable correspondence returned the $300 to the farmer. This is an example of many services which the U. F. A. Central Office is rendering all the time to members of the organization.

CRAIGMYLE CONVENTION

Animation and enthusiasm marked the convention of the Craigmyle U. F. A. District Association, although the attendance was small owing to bad roads. The convention was held in the Hand Hills Lake clubhouse on August 9th.

Resolutions adopted included the following: Asking Central Office to distribute to all Locals, every three months, all resolutions received; opposing the inclusion of the personal covenant; and advocating proportional representation. There was a good deal of discussion on a resolution calling for the secession of the western Provinces, which was finally defeated.

Addressing the delegates, E. J. Garland, M.P., gave an account of the work accomplished in connection with the organization of the Wheat Pool. He stressed the dangers that might arise from too great optimism, and said that farmers must not be induced to sign the contract with the idea of securing fabulous prices for their wheat. Following his very able address, which also included a report of the last Parliamentary session, the convention passed a vote of thanks and endorsation of his work in Parliament.

THE 1921 DEFICIT FUND

Donations to the 1921 Deficit Fund received since the last issue went to press are acknowledged below:

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Kakwa, No. 959	5.00
Little Bow, No. 1199	5.00
Forty Mile, U.F.W.A., No. 215	10.00
Total	$1,993.03

APPRECIATE WORK FOR POOL

The following resolution was unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Wainwright Local, No. 269, held on August 4th, and forwarded to "The U. F. A." with a request for publication, by J. H. Clipston, secretary:

"Whereas this Local U. F. A. is unanimously in favor of the collective marketing of wheat;

"Be it resolved, that we convey to the Hon. H. Greenfield, R. W. Wood and the U. F. A. Marketing Committee our sincere appreciation of their untiring efforts to solve the marketing problems as related to wheat."

LITTLE BOW CONVENTION

About two hundred people attended the annual convention of the Little Bow U. F. A. Provincial Constituency Association, in Vulcan, on July 25th.

The first speaker was O. L. McPherson, M.L.A., who declared that much of our present day trouble was due to a lack of understanding of the other man's viewpoint, and pleaded for straighter and clearer thinking, and greater tolerance of the opinions of others.

President Wood, the next speaker, contrasted the systematic method of selling of the manufacturers and labor with the lack of method of the farmer. The efficient selling of farm products was, he said, the biggest question in the world today.

S. Lunn, U.F.A. director for Macleod, dealt with co-operative marketing, and gave an account of the progress already made in the Pincher Creek district.

A resolution was passed expressing confidence in the Provincial representative and Government. Other resolutions dealt with the subjects of debt relief, prohibition and the Wheat Pool.

Election of officers resulted in the re-election of the president, vice-president, and secretary, as follows: Donald Sinclair, Paul Frederick, and H. Benkenberger.

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A Final Return of the U.F.A. Membership for 1922

The following table gives a complete analysis of the membership of the United Farmers of Alberta for the year 1922. During the early months of the present year dues for 1922 have been remitted from time to time, raising the membership for last year to 19,918, as shown below:

U. F. A.

	Cash Rec'd.	Rate	No. Members
Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st, 1922	$23,191.75		
1922 Dues received from Jan. 1st to April 15th, 1923	1,477.35		
	24,669.10		
Less 1921 Dues received during 1922	425.00		
Actual amount received on account 1922 membership dues to April 15th, 1923	24,442.30	$2.00	14,721
Life Members			301
Members at Large	38.00	2.00	9
Juniors in Senior Locals	127.10	1.00	127
Total U.F.A. Membership			15,019

U. F. W. A.

	Cash Rec'd.	Rate	No. Members
Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st, 1922	$5,709.41		
1922 Dues received from Jan. 1st, 1923, to April 15th, 1923	79.00		
	5,788.41		
Less 1921 Dues received during 1922	134.00		
	5,654.41	$2.00	2,827

Juniors.

	Cash Rec'd.	Rate	No. Members
Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st, 1922	$482.60	$151.40 at $1.00	151
		175.75 at .50	351
		154.75 at .10	1,547
		.75 at .25	3
Total Junior Membership			2,052

Total Membership—

U. F. A.	15,019
U. F. W. A.	2,827
Juniors	2,052
TOTAL	19,918

Farm Credits and Political Opinion

Is the Censorship of the Views of Its Clients One of the Legitimate Functions of a Bank?

It has frequently been claimed that credits to producers are granted by the banks on purely economic grounds, that the banks are not concerned with politics.

The correspondence published below, between the branch manager of the Bank of Montreal, at Edgerton, and R. C. Lees, a farmer of that district, and between the head office of the bank and H. E. Spencer, M.P., seems to indicate that at least in one very definite case, the bank, in its dealing with a would-be borrower, has been actuated by political considerations.

It is admitted that the character and honesty of the applicant are of "a very high order indeed", that he has ample assets, and that his difficulties with the bank arise solely from the fact that his opinions, presumably on political or economic questions, differ from those of the responsible officers of the bank. What Mr. Lees' views may be, "The U. F. A." does not know, and insofar as the matter under discussion is concerned, does not care; but when the most powerful financial institution in Canada is willing to admit that it is actuated by a consideration of the opinions of its clients, in its business dealings with them, the matter calls for public attention.

Freedom in expression of opinion, it is supposed, is guaranteed by the spirit of the British and of Canadian institutions. But if rights which are recognized under the law can be restricted through the economic pressure of financial institutions, these legal rights lose much of their value.

As the correspondence indicates, Mr. Lees' case was brought to the attention of the head office of the Bank of Montreal, through the intervention of Mr. Spencer, the member of the House of Commons for Battle River. The letters follow:

THE BANK OF MONTREAL
Edgerton, Alta., 10th Feb., 1922.

R. C. Lees, Esq.,
Edgerton, Alta.

Dear Sir:

We have received your letter of the 8th instant and have carefully noted the contents.

Our records regarding your character and honesty are of a very high order indeed, in fact we do not know that they could be better.

We regret that we are not in a position to state how much it is possible for you to borrow. That is a question upon which opinions might differ.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) R. V. CAMPBELL,
Manager.

BANK OF MONTREAL,
Head Office, Montreal.
June 30, 1923.

Dear Mr. Spencer:

We now have a further letter from the superintendent at Calgary regarding Mr. R. C. Lees at Edgerton.

You are no doubt aware that there is a new manager at Edgerton and I am sorry to have to tell you that he seems to have formed the same opinion as his predecessor, of Mr. Lees. He says he has seen very little of him, but has not formed a favorable impression. He refers to Mr. Lees' radical views and says: "He believes that he is entitled to credit from the bank no matter what his position might be, or the purpose for which he would use the money."

The latest statement from Mr. Lees on file at Edgerton was dated November, 1921, and showed a surplus of $7,600, made up of his equity in a half section of land, $5,000, and liquid assets $3,200, less debts of $600. This surplus is considerably less than the figure Mr. Lees quoted to you, but even so, he might be considered a fair mark for a small seasonal credit, were it not that his attitude and his views disturb confidence in him as a borrower.

It is unfortunate that any customer should be shut off from credit facilities to which his financial position might reasonably entitle him, but, in view of the reports of both the former and the present manager at Edgerton, and of our district superintendent at Calgary, we are forced to the conclusion that Mr. Lees' troubles in that regard are very largely of his own making.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) H. B. MACKENZIE.

Henry E. Spencer, Esq., M.P.,
House of Commons, Ottawa.

How to Enlist and Hold Membership in U.F.A. Locals

By Carl H. Axelson.

In a recent issue of "The U. F. A." members were invited to submit to the editor articles not exceeding 500 words in length, outlining their views upon the best methods of enlisting and holding membership in U. F. A. Locals. The first article to be received for use in this series is printed below. The author, Carl H. Axelson, is a member of Ringville Local, in the Medicine Hat Federal Constituency.

"How to Enlist and Hold Membership in U. F. A. Locals," and the movement in general is a subject well worthy of careful attention, in order that we may be able to discover the right method and true and sound principles that will ensure progress and such stability of structure that is capable of weathering all storms whether they be political or industrial, without the slightest evidence of reactionary tendencies.

To accomplish such object every member and officer of the U. F. A. must be able to do team work; everyone must be imbued with the same "ideas" and earnestly striving to attain the same "ideal", and that ideal in a strictly co-operative sense should be "Equal Rights to All." The reason our movement is in its present condition is because neither the members nor our officers have yet got down to earnest study of the economic conditions that confront us, and for that reason cannot as yet agree on any set plan of action, because, lacking this knowledge of economic and industrial inter-dependence, the farmers as a rule are yet individualists, and only a very small percentage co-operators in the true sense of the word. Most of them do not as yet understand to which economic category or class they belong, although most farmers are "group-conscious." That is, they know they are farmers. However, very few are "class-conscious", and that I consider is one of the most fundamental requirements to make the U. F. A. a firm and effective organization capable of waging the producers' fight against all forces of exploitation.

In studying the problems that confront us as producers may I suggest that "inductive" instead of solely "deductive" methods of reasoning be adopted. By that, I wish to convey that we should at all times be guided by the facts as we find them, and not by our own preconceived ideas. "Examine all things and hold fast to that which is true," is a motto well worth following, and I am sure that if we do we shall soon bring harmony out of controversy, and unity out of discord, that the result will be an organization of which we shall have good reason to be proud, if all members and officers will give it his undivided support, which I hope they will!

As a means to promote this much needed work by education, I would suggest that our paper, "The U. F. A.", would provide space for an "open forum" wherein to exchange ideas. It is also essential that our executive officers get the wheat pool started. And get the contracts out among the Locals to be signed up so that we may know what per cent. of the crop we can get in the pool. That I believe would build up the Locals.

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ST. PAUL CONVENTION

At the annual convention of the St. Paul Provincial Constituency Association, in St. Paul on July 25th, resolutions expressing a desire for the establishment of a wheat pool were carried. Another resolution asked that the labor of able-bodied charges on the Government be employed to operate one of the abandoned experimental farms. Addresses were given by H. E. Spencer, M.P., and Landas Joly, M.L.A., both of whom received votes of confidence from the delegates.

MORE THAN HALF WILLING TO SIGN THE CONTRACT

"At a meeting of Queenstown Local held on August 4th," reads a letter signed by John Glambeck, president, and Frank Harvey, secretary of the Local, "the matter of a Wheat Pool was discussed at considerable length, and on a vote being taken 55 per cent. of those present declared their willingness to sign Wheat Pool contracts in the event of a Pool being organized. The feeling of practically the whole meeting was that if ever a Pool was needed it is this year. The meeting further declared the desire of the members that their action be given as much publicity as possible, believing that if all Locals would do the same it would facilitate the organization of a Wheat Pool this year."

DISTRICT CONVENTION

Over two hundred delegates and visitors attended the convention of the Big Valley to Munson District Association, held at Morrin on July 18th. The con-

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BRITISH OFFICERS' BOOTS, M.M.

Our regular $6.50 line, but specially reduced for the harvest trade to $4.45. All-leather tan Derby boot, with official British officers' stamp on sole.

$4.45

Leather-lined throughout, with stitched soles and welted. A fairly light boot, but very hard-wearing. Our guarantee goes with it. State size. No half sizes.

Don't Forget to Sign Your Name to Your Order.

BRITISH OFFICERS' PIGSKIN SADDLE

with safety clutch. First-class condition. Worth four times the money. Each **$13.45**

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VELVET CORD TROUSERS

As issued to the British labor battalions during the war, and made of the highest-grade hardest-wearing cord material. Those cost the British Government $13 per pair. Sizes 28 to 38. While they last, per pair..... **$2.85**

Big Bargains in British Govt. Towels

Genuine British Government Admiralty Towels—Magnificent quality in white Turkish design, with fringed ends; size 46 ins. x 23 ins. No finer quality on the market at any price. Per pair..... **$1.95**

British Manufactured Turkish Towels—Size 40 ins. x 22 ins. Magnificent value. Per pair..... **85¢**

Genuine British Government Army Towels—Size 42 ins. x 21 ins. In neat striped designs. Paper quality. Per pair..... **$1.10**

GENUINE BRITISH ARMY ALL-WOOL

PULLOVER SWEATERS

There will be many cold days in the fall when these will be indispensable. Hard wearing and a real bargain **$2.95**

SOUTH AFRICAN FIELD BOOTS

Our regular $5.50 line, 2nd quality, yours for $4.00. We have sold thousands of pairs this year. Made by British manufacturers for the British army of full kip leather, with two single solid welt soles, leather lined throughout. Made for hard wear. Waterproof filling between upper and first sole, double waterproof tongue. Note stamp on sole: no others genuine.

$4.00

No half sizes .....

HORSE BLANKETS $3.25 each

British Government

Absolutely new, and shipped direct from British Government Ordnance stocks. Warmly lined, and made with two surcingles, with brass eyelets. Regularly sold in the west at $13.00 per pair. Each $3.25

New British Government

Canvas Halters

Absolutely new, but are slightly soiled. Extraordinary value. Who would be without a halter at this price? Complete with shank 5½ ft. long. Each.. **25¢**

BRITISH ARMY BRACES

Super-quality for the hardest kind of wear. Per pair..... **50¢**

BRACES, similar pattern to above, of good wearing quality. Per pair..... **25¢**

British Government Regulation LEATHER HALTERS

with double bonds. Part used by the British army during the war, but guaranteed in first-class condition. Genuine Government oak-tanned leather. Much superior to any halters we have ever handled. Each..... **90¢**

Leather Halters—Genuine British Government surplus, similar to above, but without brow band. Each..... **75¢**

Most Marvellous Bedding Sale in All Canada

$22.50

This is a real opportunity to get genuine British-made bed supplies at a real reduction. Outfit consists of:

2 British Army All-Wool Blankets in pleasing dark shades.

2 White Biankets of the best British military long staple wool. Size 72 ins. by 90 ins. Weight, 5 lbs.

2 British-Made Cotton Sheets, 70 ins. by 90 ins.

2 Flannelette Blankets, 70 ins. by 90 ins.

2 Pillow Cases, 42 ins. by 31 ins.

Full size Honeycomb Bedspread; colors, pink or white.

This outfit is a wonderful bargain at **$22.50**

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We Guarantee Quality a

Our thousands of customers wonder how we release by the British Government of tremendous ing purchasing power for spot cash by our Mr. C tent ourselves with a very small margin of profit

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Pure Wool Two-Piece Underwear

As issued to H. M. Forces during the war. Made under government inspection from the very finest quality wool, and guaranteed to out-wear several suits of ordinary underwear. It is undoubtedly the best value in Canada today. In fact, we have never seen anything like it for the money. If you want hard wearing, pure wool, warm underwear for fall and winter wear, this is it. Give waist measurement when ordering. Per suit **$2.95**

HALTER SHANKS

Nine feet long, complete with ring, useful not only as halter shanks, but for a thousand other things on the farm. Strong and durable. These were made for the British navy, and are amazing value.. **35¢**

Amazing But True NEW BRITISH ARMY RAZORS

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Complete with Shaving Brush

In case, complete with best quality Shaving Brush. Razors made of best Sheffield steel, most of them hollow ground. Complete outfit (a wonderful bargain), for only **25¢**

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Army Blankets $1.65

Shipped direct from British Army stocks. Sold regularly at $2.50 each. Indispensable for hunting, camping, threshing, and emergency uses in the farm home. Stock up for fall at this price. Each **$1.65**

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Navy color. Made of highest quality wool. Per pair..... **35¢**

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SOLE DISTRIBUTOR IN CANADA FOR BRITISH GOVERNMENT SURPLUS STORES LEAGUE

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ALL BOOTS

ll tops, black shoulder side, e for British **$3.75**

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h sole riveted apted to the **$4.50**

OOL SHIRTS

ool, double- shoulders. A **$2.45**

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ends. In a Size 60 **$2.75**

RITISH ERNMENT KI DRILL CKETS

for har- for cool- wear round Very strong Made of the British Sizes **$1.75**

L WRIPPS

Each. Tan **25¢**

Y HEAVY LOVES

30¢

We're Selling Them by the Hundred

Civilian Suits

$7.95

These suits are creating a real sensation. Nothing like them has ever before been offered in Canada at this price. The control of all clothing by the British Government during the war, and the release by the government recently of thousands of suits made under government supervision by the highest class British merchant tailors, are the only reasons for this wonderful opportunity. They are in all-wool tweeds and serges, in pleasing shades and up-to-date styles. Coat has three button effect; cuffs on pants. Give height, weight, and chest measurement.

SUITS FOR MEN, in sizes 33 to 46..... **$7.95**

SUITS FOR YOUNG MEN, in sizes 33 to 35..... **$7.95**

BRITISH ARMY CLASP KNIVES

With can-openers. Made of best Sheffield steel. Each.. **55¢**

KHAKI CLOTH TROUSERS

Genuine Government Regulation. Wonderful for wear round the farm. You cannot make a mistake. Per pair **$3.35**

SOME OUTSTANDING BARGAINS

British Army Knives and Forks—Made of best Sheffield steel, with plated handles. Per knife and fork ..... **40¢**

British Army Mess Tins—Lid can be used as frying pan, and containers as pot or kettle. Ideal for harvest. Per tin ..... **25¢**

British Army Water Bottle—Felt covered, especially useful during harvest. Each ..... **25¢**

English Dubbin—Genuine British Government surplus, best known preparation for preserving and waterproofing boots. Three tins for ..... **20¢**

Long-Heel Ropes—Made of Italian hemp, 18 feet long, with long leather strap and buckle, used for tethering artillery horses. Each ..... **40¢**

Heel Ropes—Five feet long, similar to above, with slightly shorter strap. Each ..... **25¢**

Highland Kit Outfit—Consisting of kilt, white hose tops, spats, garters and sporran. Complete outfits for **$9.75**

Riding Reins—Genuine British Government, part worn, with two brass buckles ..... **50¢**

British Officers' Trench Boots, $8.25

Leather lined. 16 inches high. Thoroughly water-tight. Beautiful rust brown shade. Many cheaper lines, but none compare with these for quality. Our regular $9.50 line. No half sizes. Yours for per pair **$8.25**

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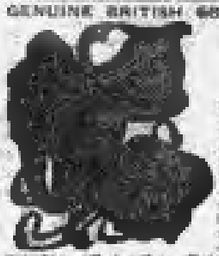

Sold by us regularly for $12.50, but reduced specially for the harvest trade to $11.35. Thousands of outfits already sold by us. Outfits consist of genuine all leather British Government Cavalry Saddle, with girth and stirrups; 6ft. by all-wool saddle Blanket; Riding Bridle with Brass and bit, and Military Tethering Rope—all for only.. **$11.35**

Don't delay, as we may have to increase the price again before long.

MILITARY SADDLE PADS

Made of soft felt, ½-inch thick; weight 2 lbs. Each **$1.85**

Auto or Driving Robes

Guaranteed all wool, in beautiful woven colors. Will last a lifetime even with the hardest kind of wear. Blue Stripe Indian. Tartying comfort at this price is remarkably cheap **$3.95**

WAGON COVERS

Size, 24 feet square. Made of the highest grade brown duck, thoroughly waterproof. Can also be used for covering stacks, implements, etc. Each..... **$39.00**

New British Government

WEB HALTERS

Complete with shank 5 1-2 ft. long. Halters are new, but are slightly soiled. Just a sample of our many wonderful prize. Each **25¢**

AUTO CLEANING OUTFIT

This is really marvellous value. You would pay for one chamois skin more than price we ask for whole outfit. Outfit consists of: 2 Real Chamois Skins, each about 24 inches by 20 inches; 2 Chamois Mops, 1 Chamois Polishing Cloth, 1 Large Sponge, 1 Motor Sponge. Complete outfit, only **$3.00**

Collapsible British Govt. WATER BUCKETS

Made of heavy waterproof duck with rope handle, for use by the British army for watering horses. Absolutely new. Very useful on farm. Each **60c.**

FOR THE FARM WOMEN

Women's Royal Air Force SUITS $2.95

These are indispensable for women's work on the farm. When milking cows, or churning, or doing odd jobs, just slip on one of these suits. Made of best Khaki Cotton cloth, and consisting of smart jacket and pants. Thousands of women will be wearing these suits this fall. Complete suit for..... **$2.95**

BRITISH GOVERNMENT

MOLESKIN OVERALLS

As illustrated. Made in dark-blue moleskin, with bib effect, and the most hard-wearing overalls we have ever seen. Don't confuse them with cheaper varieties. For a suit..... **$3.45**

Moleskin Pants

Of same material as above, but without bib. Wonderful value at per pair..... **$2.95**

BRITISH ARMY CANVAS SLIPPERS

These have genuine leather soles, and are exceptional value at this price. State size. Per pair **$1.95**

Genuine British Army All-Wool

Cardigan Jackets $2.45 EACH

These are of fairly heavy weight for fall and winter wear, and have just arrived from the old country direct from British Government stocks. They are really wonderful value. Buy one for the cool mornings and nights of harvest time.

$2.95 British Officers' Khaki

Flannel Shirts

With collar attached, with two pockets, and are ideal for farm wear as they always look well, and will give years of service. State size of collar. Each..... **$2.95**

The U.F.W.A. and Junior Branch

THE CANADIAN MOTHER'S BOOK.

In the course of the last few weeks it is understood that a revised edition of "The Canadian Mother's Book" has been sent to every U. F. W. A. secretary. This book is issued by the Dominion Department of Health, and was written by Dr. Helen MacMurchy, Chief of the Division of Child Welfare. There are, no doubt, many members of each U.F.W.A. Local who would appreciate having a copy of this book. The Secretary, therefore, should take the copy she receives to the meeting in order that any who wish to secure one of the books may write the Department of Health at Ottawa and obtain a copy free of charge. The Canadian Mother's Book is one of three series called by the Department, "The Little Blue Books." The titles are as follows: The Mother's Series — "The Canadian Mother's Book." "How to Take Care of the Baby." "How to Take Care of the Mother." "How to Take Care of the Child-ren." "How to Take Care of the Father and the Family." The Home Series— "Beautifying Our Home in Canada." "How to Build Our Canadian House." "How to Make Our Canadian Home." "How to Make Our Outpost Home in Canada." "How to Prevent Accidents and Give First Aid." The Household Series—"Canadians Need Milk." "How We Cook in Canada." "How to Manage Housework in Canada." "How to Take Care of Household Waste." "Household Cost Accounting in Canada."

INTERPROVINCIAL COMMITTEE WORK.

At a recent meeting of the Executive of the Women's Section, Canadian Council of Agriculture, outlines for the work of the various Interprovincial Committees were drawn up as follows:

Immigration Committee—(1) Study of Canada's needs regarding immigration. (2) Study of existent regulations governing immigration. (3) The maintenance of a strictly selective policy, especially as regards mental and physical fitness. (4) The encouragement of plans for assimilating the non-English immigrant with special study of our mistakes in the past. (5) The study of the work of the various colonization schemes and of other organizations engaged in immigration. (6) The study of government and other measures which will help the people already here on the land, to stay.

Marketing Committee—Poultry, Dairy and Its Products—(1) Production, maximum efficiency with minimum cost. (2) Marketing, systems of grading, packing, prices. Home and foreign markets. (3) Transportation, express and freight rates. Loss through faulty methods. Oleomargarine.

Social Service Committee—(1) Mental sub-normals. Number. Legislation governing sub-normals. Institutions and methods of care. Future of problem. (2) Marriage and Divorce Laws. (3) Dependent and Delinquent Children. Legislation governing them. Provision for their care. (4) Crime and punishment. Amendments to Criminal Code. Capital Punishment. (5) The Drug Habit in Canada. (6) Liquor Legislation.

Public Health Committee—(1) Scope of Federal and Provincial Public Health Departments. (2) Health Organizations, Nurses (training and standard) Hospitals and Sanatoria. Clinics. (3) Infant Mortality and Maternal Care. (4) Red Cross work. (5) Social Diseases. (6) Pure Food Laws.

Young People's Work—(1) A study of rural young people's organizations. The field of each. Prevention of overlapping. (2) Education. Program. Agencies. (3) Training in citizenship for new Canadians.

Local Committee conveners will no doubt find these outlines of assistance in preparing their reports.

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vention voted unanimously to ask the Central Marketing Committee, the U. F. M. and the S. G. G. A. to put on a drive at once to sign up farmers for a wheat pool, and to take steps to obtain the assistance of Aaron Sapiro. All the delegates present, also, indicated their willingness to sign a five-year contract. Col. C. W. Robinson was appointed a delegate to confer with the Central Marketing Committee.

Premier Greenfield and G. A. Forster, M.L.A., addressed the convention.

Adverse Propaganda

By I. U. MacLennan

The article published below was received from Mr. MacLennan of Swalwell Local, shortly after the last issue of "The U. F. A." went to press. It was inspired, the writer explains, by a consideration of the attitude assumed by a portion of the press of Alberta towards the Greenfield Government. Mr. MacLennan desired to express his views on this matter through the medium of "The U. F. A."

At the present time every day we pick up a newspaper we see an article condemning in some form or another the Greenfield Government, branding them as unpractical visionaries and foretelling their near downfall.

Such articles are bound to have results detrimental to the Farmers' cause, because I fear we must admit that serious analysis of any statement is not one of the everyday practices of the average farmer; he is generally too busy applying his nose to the grindstone of agriculture endeavoring to eke out his scanty daily ration of bread and butter.

However, we should admit that the mere fact of having our representatives at Land, that they are men who have many of the same difficulties as we ourselves are facing, and that they are usually willing and anxious to help us in forwarding our reasonable requests to the proper quarters, is a distinct asset, and not to be despised by those who are at the present time suffering the pangs of a barren agricultural living.

The Greenfield Government has not brought us the millenium as some seemed to expect. Thinking people, however, should know that changes in the betterment of a class can come but slowly, and let us remember that all things and conditions are not stable, but in a state of flux, gradually attaining towards that perfect adjustment of all economic factors which we ourselves will never see. The Greenfield Government comprises a body of sane, earnest, thoughtful men, truly working according to their own lights to that end.

It is somewhat peculiar that much of the dissatisfaction at the present time existent among us is contained among the farmers themselves, many old-time party men who voted and fought against the election of the Farmers' Government now being in full sympathy with them.

The most important thing to bear in mind, however, is that changes can be effected more by our own efforts than by trusting to political advantage. Learn to choose those most efficient to help you, not leaders, but spokesmen and organizers, the men who talk and the men who act, the one often incapable of efficient action in the place of the other but both necessary in the conduct of class betterment.

Destructive criticism is the most hateful of all vices; tolerance perhaps one of the greatest virtues. If criticism is necessary, criticise kindly and with the true object of forwarding, not retarding any objective, and still believe even when difficulties may be less apparent to members than they are to responsible elected representatives who have more obstacles to overcome than can be overcome in a day, that there is nothing in human nature more conducive to getting the best out of a man or a Government which is sincere and honest, than belief.

Suspicion and disbelief tend to discourage men who are not self-seekers, but are giving their best efforts to serve the people well, and to hamper them in the work in which they are engaged. Don't cause these sentiments to grow.

Would Have Taken Same Course as Greenfield Did

Don't Let Any Man Make Breach in Your Ranks, Sapiro's Advice to Farmers

While the daily press of the Province gave very full reports of Aaron Sapiro's eloquent and able presentation of the case for co-operative marketing of farm products, it was inevitable, in view of the fact that several meetings and conferences were held daily, that certain important features of his addresses should be given but partial and inadequate treatment.

At the Lacombe meeting he dealt very briefly with the problem of the Wheat Board, and in replying to an editorial attack made upon him and upon Premier Greenfield, by an Edmonton newspaper which has consistently attacked the principle of collective marketing, he expressed the opinion that far less difficulty would be experienced in obtaining expert management for a Wheat Pool which promised to be permanent, than was experienced when a chairman was being sought for the Wheat Board in the early summer of this year.

Mr. Sapiro pointed out that as the Wheat Board was not regarded as a body likely to be permanent, men of the highest qualifications hesitated to leave permanent positions to take a temporary appointment. "To ask a man to take a permanent job at the head of a contract pool, is a very different thing from asking a man to accept a Government job for one year only," he remarked.

"This paper," Mr. Sapiro added, "tries to put the Premier in wrong for coming out in favor of this Pool. It says to the

Premier, 'Why don't you say you were wrong in trying to get a Wheat Board?' I want to get the facts before you. Premier Greenfield has always favored a wheat pool, but . . . . . he said, 'If they want it and won't do it themselves, I am going to try to get my Government to do it for them.' Now that you say you want to do it yourselves, he is back again on his old theory and wants to help you to help yourselves. Is that the act of a big man or the act of a little one? I want to tell you that I know governors and senators and presidents in my own land, and barring Senator Capper I have never met a broader or more genuine friend of the farmer than the Premier who sits before you. And you know I am against Government pools. But I also want you to know that if I was in his boots I would have done and said everything that he has done and said under those circumstances.

"My advice, and I still stand on it, is, get organized tight, get organized centrally and merchandise your wheat, and don't let any man make a breach between you and your Premier, or between you and your farm leaders, and don't let any man suggest to you that I am trying to make such a breach . . . You can only cure economic troubles by economic means. Your Premier is standing absolutely by my side in giving you that advice. Don't let men let you think that I am against your Premier. I am for him completely. Why? Not because he is for me, but because he is for you, and because he has advised you well and rightly in the circumstances as to what should be done in wheat marketing . . . The only thing that is going to stop you people of Alberta is yourselves."

EDITORIAL

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of the "mechanistic outlook." There are some signs of this revolt today. If it should succeed, he appears to believe, the intervention of North America in behalf of Europe might be welcome and helpful.

If these views are sound, the future, not only of agriculture in North America, but of modern civilization itself, is in a measure bound up in such movements as those of the organized farmers in Canada and the United States. These movements have come into being as a result of economic pressure, but while they are based upon the desire to realize economic improvement, they serve also as a means of expression of the citizenship of their members. In Alberta the U. F. A. has been largely instrumental in establishing economic institutions which will assume in the near future a genuinely co-operative character. But the movement has served not merely to build up economic institutions, but also to develop new conceptions of citizenship, and a broader social outlook.

The farmers' movement in North America as a whole, weak as many of the organizations are, possess in themselves, in their "idealism", correctives of the "mechanistic outlook" which Mr. Russell deprecates. And in spite of checks and set-backs, there is some reason to believe that these movements in North America as a whole are gaining ground. The Canadian elections of 1921 were symptoms of impending change. The revolt of the middle west in the United States against the reactionary control of the political parties, dominated by industrial interests, is another, and in the Republic there have been marked advances during the present year. Mistakes have been made in the past, and doubtless others will be made in the future. But the outlook is not without hope. The growth of the spirit and practice of co-operation in agricultural communities, as well as in the urban centres where consumer co-operation shows signs of real development, the interest which has been aroused by such evidence as was presented at the recent Canadian inquiry into the nature, function and control of financial credit—all these give promise of providing at least a few powerful correctives of the evils of an ill-controlled industrialism.

And the farmers do not stand alone. Other groups, which are today brought more closely into contact with the "mechanistic outlook" than the farmers, are also in revolt against present forms of industrial domination. They realize that the evils of industrialism lie not in the development of mechanism, which may be a profitable servant of the community, but in present forms of control. A race which has made machinery its servant will rise above the "mechanistic outlook."

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The Edmonton Journal quotes the statement in the last issue of "The U. F.A.," that Mr. Sapiro's Minneapolis address, published in the June 15th issue of this paper, had been available to the other papers of Alberta, but that they had failed to make use of it. It is pointed out that following the appearance of "The U.F.A." Co-operative Marketing Supplement, the Journal referred to it in a lengthy editorial article, in which best wishes were extended to the Association in the effort which it was making to arouse interest in this subject, and study of the Supplement was recommended.

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It is to be hoped that the Alberta Government will be able to conserve the rights in Spray Lakes power resources to the public. These power resources are among the greatest of the natural resources of the Province.

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"Only when the rights of the most despised among us are secure can the market-place of the mind be kept open."
—The Nation, New York.

DEATH OF E. G. GARDINER

The death occurred on August 6th, at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, of W. G. Gardiner, late of Coronation. Mr. Gardiner was an active member of the U. F. A., having held the secretaryship of the Coronation Provincial Constituency Association since its formation.

In addition to the members of the Wheat Pool Committee mentioned elsewhere in this issue, R. S. Dorsey of Rockyford has now been appointed as a fourth non-U.F.A. member of the Committee. W. H. Fairfield of the Experimental Farm, Lethbridge, who was also invited, declined on account of official duties.

MUST HAVE FIFTY PER CENT. OF ACREAGE.

Fifty per cent. of the actual wheat acreage of the Province, irrespective of the number of growers, must be signed up, according to the decision of the Wheat Pool Committee, before the contract Pool can become effective.

WHEAT POOL

Sign-up Week August 20-25

Alberta has decided to have a voluntary Wheat Pool. The Government, the U. F. A., farmers outside the U. F. A., the business men of towns and cities, all classes are united in favoring a Wheat Pool as the surest method of improving marketing conditions—of helping the farmer—of increasing the general prosperity of everybody in this Province.

A Provincial Wheat Pool Committee has been named, and has been working out the details of operation, including contract, financing and so forth.

This committee is confident about the outcome, provided that the farmers themselves show now—now that they have the chance to get it—that they actually want a Wheat Pool, and are ready to go into one.

How can that be shown? In one way only. By signing up with the Pool. By signing the contract.

Contract sign-up Week has been fixed to begin August 20th. In that week it is hoped to reach every farmer in Alberta. Unless 50 per cent. of the farmers sign the contracts there will be no Pool. This is your opportunity. If you want the Pool, sign the contract. If you don't want the Pool, refuse to sign, and there will be no Pool. There is no half-way about it. Signing means success. No signing means, go on as you have been going.

Contract forms and all information are being sent to the U. F. A. Secretary in your district, your local U.F.A., Board of Trade and town officers. Give in your name as a worker. Find out what you have to do. Get your neighbors in. Fast work is required now to get into operation this year. Cover your district thoroughly.

Here's your chance to get a real Wheat Pool. Seize it.

THE PROVINCIAL WHEAT POOL COMMITTEE:

H. W. WOOD, Chairman.
S. LUNN, Vice-Chairman.
W. J. JACKMAN, General Secretary.

The full list of members who have agreed to serve on the Provisional Committee is as follows:—

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Estimate the Average Wheat Yield will Be Over 23 Bus.

Official Crop Report Indicates Harvesting Will Be General in South This Week

By C. G. Groff, Publicity Commissioner

EDMONTON, Aug. 10.—On the eve of the harvesting season in Alberta a strong feeling of optimism prevails throughout the Province, and with a continuance of satisfactory weather conditions, all crops will be taken off in a generally satisfactory condition. Anticipation of heavy grain crops, with a plentiful supply of fodder in sight, and general improved conditions on the farms, have had their obvious effect on business in general, which now exhibits a distinctly strengthened tone.

The weather during the past fortnight has been variable, with very warm conditions in the southern districts, and with showery weather in the more northern districts, accompanied by dips to cooler levels of temperature. The frost line was touched at several points in the Province, with damage to garden truck but none to grain crops. There have been a few small hail storms during the fortnight with little damage. In some places heavy rains have caused the grain to lodge.

Provided wet weather does not interfere too greatly, harvesting of wheat will be general in the southern districts by August 15th, and somewhat later in the central and northern districts. Cutting of some of the early stuff has already begun. Harvesting of the hay crop is in progress, and cutting of rye has also been general. Cutting of barley is reported from several districts.

The grain crops have now reached a stage where it is possible to venture upon an estimate as to yields. The wheat has been filling well, and is expected to yield heavily in many districts. The damage by hail, which throughout the season has been fairly heavy, will reduce the general yield somewhat. In the south-eastern part of the Province, extremely hot weather of the past two weeks will be responsible for a slight reduction in yield. The loss from grasshoppers will be small, due to the very energetic poisoning campaign conducted by the farmers in the infested territories. Taking the Province as a whole, a conservative estimate would place the probable average yield of wheat per acre at between 20 and 25 bushels, which is considerably above the average for the past 12 years. There will be some heavy individual yields, several reports anticipating as high as 50 and 60 bushels. Oats will be a heavy crop, and the average over the Province should be between 50 and 60 bushels with some individual yields touching the 90 and 95 bushel mark, and even higher. Barley will likely give an average yield of between 35 and 50 bushels.

Native hay and grass crops are yielding well, but there will be very little timothy.

With ideal conditions for breaking and summerfallowing during the season, there has been considerable of this done, and next year will see a large new area ready for crop.

Harvest Help

Harvesters are now beginning to arrive in the Province. From the first enquiries from the east, the Province received between 500 and 600 men, and another 400 have arrived from the coast Province. More will begin to arrive as the need for men increases during the next few weeks.

The appeal for volunteer workers from the cities and towns of the Province is meeting with fair response. Those who are willing to go to the harvest fields from the stores and shops and factories of the Province are asked to register with the nearest Government employment bureau.

Plow Under All Stubble of Crops Infested with Wheat Stem Saw Fly

The ideal method of controlling the spread of the Wheat Stem Saw-Fly is to plow down all infested Wheat Stubble between August 1st and June 5th of the following year. Plow not less than five inches deep and turn upside down so there is no overlapping edge. This prevents the emergence of the flies in June. Winter snows will pack fall plowing. Spring plowing requires packing.

Grub of the Wheat Stem Saw-Fly overwintering in stubble.

How to Exterminate The Hessian Fly

If fields are infested with the Hessian Fly, cut the crops as high as possible and burn the stubble between August and May of the following year. Write for literature on the control of these pests.

Dominion Department of Agriculture

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LOWER WHEAT PRODUCTION IN THE UNITED STATES

Both winter and spring wheat crop forecasts have been reduced to a total of 731,000,000 in the United States, as compared with 883,000,000 bushels last year, according to the Weekly News Letter of the American Farm Bureau Federation of August 8th. The European crop is considerably larger than a year ago, and prospects in India, Argentina and Australia are reported to be favorable.

"The market has withstood the impact of the peak of the winter wheat movement," says the News Letter, "and in spite of extremely small export sales, prices have shown but little change. Domestic flour demand has increased substantially. Total primary receipts have been up to normal for the season, and the visible supply at terminals has been gaining rapidly as a result of small exports. Foreign interests are taking advantage of their large home crop and prospects of ample export marginsare available, to let prices drag."

COAL FOR ONTARIO

Shipment has begun to Ontario of 4,000 tons of Alberta coal under the special rate of $1 a ton granted by the Canadian National Railways for the purpose of effecting a demonstration in various centres in the eastern Province. The distribution of this coal will be undertaken by Howard Smithbury, Provincial Trade Commissioner, who is now in Ontario for that purpose. The coal is being taken from mines in the Drumheller district, and in the Edmonton and Pembina and Yellowhead Pass districts.

INCREASE IN IMMIGRATION

An increase of sixty per cent. in the number of immigrants entering Canada during the last three months as compared with the corresponding quarter last year, and for the month of June alone an increase over the same month last year of 88 per cent. is announced by the Department of Immigration and Colonization, Ottawa. The increases have occurred in British and in "other countries", while the number coming in from the United States has fallen off somewhat, but is again increasing. The number of immigrants from all other countries who entered the Dominion during the quarter mentioned this year was 49,953, as compared with 25,692 for the corresponding period last year. The influx from Britain rose from 15,468 for the quarter last year to 23,953 for this year, while the figures from "other countries" went up from 6,972 for the corresponding quarter in 1922 to 12,038 this year for the similar period. Immigration from the United States this year for the three months was 6,373 as compared with 3,451 for similar quarter last year.

DR. STATE DEAD

Dr. J. B. State, Liberal member in the Legislature for the riding of Clearwater, died on Thursday in Vancouver, where he had been for his health. Dr. State had been ill since the middle of the last session of the Legislature.

CHANGING POLITICAL SENTIMENT

The victory of Magnus Johnson, a working farmer, and candidate of the Farmer-Labor party, in the senatorial contest in Minnesota in July, by more than 37,000 votes majority, is regarded as an indication of the changing political sentiment in the western United States, and as a serious threat to the present domination of the Republic through both old line parties by a group of powerful financial-industrial interests.

MUST COMBINE FORCES

Quoting an address by Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, at the national wheat conference in Chicago, to the effect that "there is no force in our social civilization that will not come to the council table with the farmers if the farmers find the way to organize and combine their strength," the Delta Times says editorially that these remarks apply with equal force to the farmers of Canada. It deprecates any policy which would lead farmers to place too great a dependence on legislative action and urges that they should not be content with this but should take definite action themselves through organization.

CO-OPERATIVE POULTRY MARKETING

"Co-operation in Marketing Poultry Products" is the title of Bulletin No. 8, issued by the Dominion Department of Agriculture. It is written by T. A. Benson of the Live-stock Branch of the Department and formerly connected with egg and poultry marketing organizations in Prince Edward Island, Alberta and British Columbia.

Mr. Benson emphasizes the necessity for organization of commodities, and lays down the following principles as fundamental to success in co-operative marketing of agricultural products:

1. A recognized necessity for improvement in marketing conditions and the establishment of a better service.

2. The possibility of controlling a sufficient volume of the produce to be handled to justify engaging competent management and meeting necessary overhead charges.

3. A cast-iron contract between individual members and the association, binding each member to market all his marketable crop of the product to be handled through the association.

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5. Loyalty upon the part of all members in reference to all details affecting the rules and regulations of the association.

LIVESTOCK AND MEAT EXPORTS

During the first five months of this year Canada exported to Great Britain, 19,256 cattle, 5,952,200 lbs. of beef, 42,128,448 lbs. of bacon, 1,284,000 lbs. of pork, and 28,000 lbs. of mutton. All show a considerable increase over the same period last year, except mutton. To the United States in the five months we exported 31,574 cattle, an increase of 12,519 compared with the same period last year; 7,849 calves, an increase of 3,336; 3,683 sheep, a decrease of 14,529; 2,352,300 lbs. of beef, a decrease of 2,140,300 lbs.; 78,000 lbs. of bacon, a decrease of 32,000 lbs.; 821,700 lbs. of pork, a decrease of 46,000 lbs., and 24,100 lbs. of mutton, a decrease of 1,187,700 lbs.

WANTS CENTRAL SELLING AGENCY

A central selling agency for marketing grain, machinery and other commodities, and "government credit on goods we are able to deliver" are advocated in a letter from James Wylie, of Walsh, Alta.

"Like the wooden spade, the cradle and the reaper," he says, "the old method of marketing the crop will have to be discarded, and a central selling agency be established to market the grain, machinery and other commodities produced by labor at the cost of production with a margin of profit."

COTE GOES TO SENATE

J. L. Cote, Liberal member of the Alberta Legislative Assembly for Grouard, has been appointed to the vacancy in the Senate created by the death of the late A. E. Forget.

THE REAL PROBLEM

"There is no food scarcity. The problem is not one of how to increase production, and thereby pile up a surplus for speculators to play with, but how to simplify production and distribution so that less human energy shall be wasted in the process."—Henry Ford.

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